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Land colonization societies for Harijans.

*352Q:-SRI S.GURUVULU: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state what arrangements have been made for organization of land colonization societies for Harijans?

THE HON.SRI V.V. GIRI:- "No arrangement has been made for the organization of Land Colonization Societies exclusively for Harijans. But land colonization societies have been organized in several districts and lands are allotted by these societies to their members in the following order: first to persons in the village belonging to communities eligible for help by the Labour department who have an agricultural bias, next to other landless people of the village and finally to persons belonging to the 'eligible communities' from neighbouring villages who may be willing to settle near the block".

SRI S.NAGAPPA:- "May I ask Government, in view of the fact that Harijans deserve better consessions than anybody else and more especially in view of the recent statement made by a Member of the Interim Government that justice, why this Government has not moved in the matter of organizing land colonisation societies exclusively for Harijans?" / Harijans will be given not only justice but more than.

THE HON.SRI V.V. GIRI:- "This Government agrees with the statement that bare justice should be done to the Harijans. I may also assure the hon. Mmeber that the greatest justice will be done to the Harijans".

SRI V. I.MUNISWAMI PILLAI:-"Arising from the answer of the Hon.Minister, with reference to the communique issued by the Government classifying the communities eligible for help, may I know what will be share that will be given to the Harijans in this matter?".

THE HON.SRI V.V. GIRI:- "Due share shall be given but Government do not believe in segregation".

SRI V.C.PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:-"May I ask whether the Government will be pleased to arrange for such colonisation schemes in respect of toddy tappers who have been thrown out of employment in thousands where prohibition has come into effect??

THE HON.SRI V.V. GIRI:- "Certainly, Sir, it is one of the things this Government is considering".

SRI D.V.RAMASWAMI:- "May I ask whether in view of the feeling among the Harijans, land colonization schemes may be started exclusively for the use of Harijans?".

THE HON.SRI V.V. GIRI:- "I have already given the answer to that question".

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR:- "Arising out of the answer of the Hon.Minister that the greatest justice will be done to Harijans, will the Hon.Minister give an assurance that no injustice will be done if Harijans should change their religion?"

THE HON.SRI V.V. GIRI:- "No injustice has ever been contemplated by this Government to anyone".

SRI V. I.MUNISWAMI PILLAI:-"With regard to the segregation of Harijans I request the Government to more carefully go into the matter and classify who are untouchables and who are touchable who require help. Only on that basis I request Government to let me know whether the claims of the Harijans, really untouchables,will be encouraged".

THE HON.SRI V.V. GIRI:- "Certainly, Sir".

SRI A. KALESWARA RAO:- "May I know, Sir, whether the Government have any schemes for settling Erikulas, Enadis and other wandering tribes who are equally poor if not worse than the Harijans themselves?"

THE HON.SRI.V.V. GIRI:- "Yes Sir".

SRI S.NAGAPPA:- "May I inform the Hon.Minister,Sir,that so far as the Harijans are concerned the Government has been talking tall but acting small"?

THE HON.SRI.V.V.GIRI:- "I do not agree with the hon.Member".

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:- "May I know from the Hon.Minister whether he is aware that the Post war Reconstruction Committee has recommenced for special land colonization for Harijans?

THE HON. SRI V.V.GIRI:- "I take the information and I shall look into the matter".

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